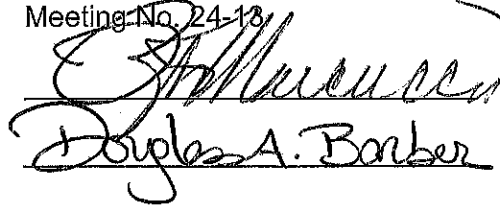


Approved: Meeting No. 24-13

Attest:



Phyllis Marcuccio
Douglas A. Barber

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

April 1, 2013
Meeting No. 11-13
7:00 p.m.

Executive Session pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding the Maryland Public Information Act.

The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session on April 1, 2013 at 6:16 p.m. in the Diamond Back Terrapin Conference Room, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Councilmember Hall made the motion to convene in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala with Councilmembers Hall, Moore, Pierzchala and Newton approving, and Mayor Marcuccio opposing. The motion carried 4-1.

Present at the Executive Session were Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr., Councilmember Tom Moore, Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton, and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala. Also present were City Manager Barbara Matthews, City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Barber, and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

The topic of discussion was the Maryland Public Information Act. The Mayor and Council adjourned the Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

The Mayor and Council then convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, Councilmember Tom Moore, Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton, and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala.

Staff Present:

City Manager Barbara Matthews, City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Barber, and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Marcuccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Matthews reported:

- Due to the federal sequestration, there had to be a reduction in the CDBG funding in the amount of approximately \$11,000. This resulted in a 5.1% cut against all three categories. Consequently, an adjustment had to be made in the allocation of funds that the City submitted to the County.
- As part of the Rockville City Police accreditation process, there will be a team of assessors coming to Rockville for the purpose of soliciting public input. Members of the community are encouraged to attend the forum on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockville Library.

5. Appointments/Reappointments and Announcements of Vacancies

Mayor Marcuccio announced vacancies on the following boards and/or commissions: Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors of Elections, Financial Advisory Board, Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission, Human Rights Commission, and the Planning Commission.

6. Citizen's Forum

<i>Citizen</i>	<i>Issue</i>
Maria Luginbill	Tree removal on Wall Street
Rob Achtmeyer	Tree removal on Wall Street
Andrea Jolly	Funding request for Rockville Rewards Program
Chen Yu-Tsao	Tree removal on Wall Street
Marian Hull	Tree removal on Wall Street

7. Mayor and Council's Response to Citizen's Forum and Announcements

Councilmember Hall	Regarding the Wall Street tree issue, would like more guidance and counsel from staff in order to better assist all parties involved.
Mayor Marcuccio	Has seen the Wall Street property in question; would like more information from staff.

Councilmember Newton

Attended a meeting on the Wall Street site and was told CPDS representative would be present though not the case; what about a stop work order so nothing happens before April 18 or until the Mayor and Council receive a full briefing?

Councilmember Moore

What decisions do the Mayor and Council need to make in the matter? City Manager Matthews responded that, essentially, this is handled at the staff and/or the Historic District level.

8. Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Pierzchala said that he, along with rest of the Council, had attended the Community Ministries of Rockville gala. He mentioned that he had also attended a performance of the Adventure Theatre.

Councilmember Newton commented on the recently installed pedestrian crossing at Wood Lane into Town Center and said that it has already made a huge difference. Councilmember Newton said that she had attended the Legislative Committee meeting of MML last week.

Councilmember Moore said that he had attended the Rockville Community Coalition forum on the Charter Review and that it was a very good discussion. He said that the Town Hall meeting on retention of License Plate Reader data also went very well.

9. Proclamation - Declaring April 2013 as "Earth Month" in Rockville and Declaring April 22, 2013 as, "Earth Day"

Councilmember Newton read the proclamation and presented it to Clark Reed, Chair of the Environment Commission.

Motion: to proclaim April 2013 as "Earth Month" and April 22, 2013, as "Earth Day" in Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala, and unanimously approved.

10. Proclamation - Declaring the Week of April 7-April 14, 2013, as National Days of Remembrance in Rockville

Councilmember Hall read the proclamation and presented it to Mayor Marcuccio, who accepted on behalf of the National Holocaust Museum.

Motion: to declare the Week of April 7-April 14, 2013, as National Days of Remembrance in Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Newton, and unanimously approved.

11. Public Hearing - Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Budget Public Hearing #1

Mayor Marcuccio opened the public hearing and the Mayor and Council heard from one speaker. There being no other speakers, Mayor Marcuccio declared the public hearing closed and said that the record would remain open until May 21, 2013, the date the FY14 budget is scheduled for adoption. A complete transcript of the public hearing can be found in the official file in the office of the City Clerk.

12. Presentation - Rockville 2012 Citizen Survey

Louise Atkins, Council Support Specialist, provided the background and introduced Tom Miller with the firm National Research Center, who then presented the results of the survey covering the following points: the survey methods, answers compared to national benchmarks; fiscal responsibility; responsible growth management; public service and public safety; quality of life; key drivers and responsive government.

Ensuing discussion between the Mayor and Council, Mr. Miller and staff, included the following points:

- Shorter surveys get higher response rates - consider cutting back to receive higher response rates in future.
- Rockville 11 views are skewed because of the percentage of viewers who have satellite service, which does not carry the Rockville channel.
- Seeing the trends reported in multiple years is good.
- East side is always a little more dissatisfied than the west side.
- This is a good exercise to tell us whether we are on the mark.
- Combining "strongly agree" and "agree" can be misleading because most showed more responses in agree.
- Possibility of making the survey shorter and ask for open ended comments for all the questions, or most of them.
- What if survey was done every three – five years instead of two? May have more disappointing results.
- Conduct survey every two years with some core questions asked every time and others asked every four years, or less frequently, in order to mix up the data collected with specific topical focuses.

13. Review and Comment Regarding Mayor and Council Action Report

Councilmember Newton noted that the Mayor had asked that a discussion on mansionization be added to the list though she did not see it. Councilmember Newton would also like to have a discussion with Billy Casper Golf about fees and rates being charged at RedGate, and the golf course in general.

14. Review and Comment Regarding Future Agendas

Now that the Planning Commission is done with the topic, Councilmember Pierzchala asked about the status of the APFO. He also wondered when the Rockville Pike Plan would come before Mayor and Council. There was discussion about the possibility of having the APFO item placed on the April 22 Mayor and Council agenda. Mayor Marcuccio asked about the status on the ethics legislation and City Attorney Debra Daniel explained that Rockville's proposal is being delayed because the State Ethics Commission said that it was "stuck in the wrong pile." The State's next meeting is scheduled for May 9 and they will consider Rockville's proposed ethics ordinance at that time.

15. Old/New Business

Mayor Marcuccio reported on an article in the newspaper paper on Choice Hotels and cloud computing.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Motion: to adjourn.

Moved by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Newton and unanimously approved.